

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2 2nd Session of the 54th Legislature (2014)

3 SENATE
4 RESOLUTION 42

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6 AS INTRODUCED

7 A Resolution recognizing the historic career of
8 National Appaloosa Horse Racing Hall of Famer, Bill
Hudlow, and his beloved Appaloosa stallion, Navajo
Britches; and directing distribution.

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10 WHEREAS, Shawnee native Bill Hudlow has dedicated his life to
11 raising, selling and showing horses - many of whom were the foals of
12 one of the most famous Appaloosas in history, Navajo Britches; and

13 WHEREAS, Navajo Britches was an Appaloosa stallion that made the
14 breed famous and opened a new industry in Oklahoma; and

15 WHEREAS, Navajo Britches won numerous awards in the show ring,
16 including the National Grand Champion title in 1958 and more than
17 100 First Place Halter titles. For more than 16 years, he also was
18 National Show Horse and National Grand Champion Get of Sire; and

19 WHEREAS, Navajo Britches sired 367 registered Appaloosa foals
20 and became a legend on the race track for being the leading sire of
21 money earners from 1963-1968. At least 50 of his starters earned
22 almost \$90,000 combined. Sixteen became winners, seven earned
23 stakes wins and eleven became stakes placers. Five foals earned
24 champion titles on the racetrack, including his most-winning colt,

1 Boogie Britches, who won the 1963 World Wide Futurity and the 1964
2 World Wide Derby; and

3 WHEREAS, named as one of two top race trainers in the country,
4 Bill Hudlow was inducted into the National Appaloosa Horse Racing
5 Hall of Fame in 1988. Navajo Britches, who passed away in 1978, was
6 also inducted into the National Appaloosa Horse Racing Hall of Fame
7 in 2002; and

8 WHEREAS, Bill Hudlow helped organize the Oklahoma Racing
9 Association and served as a board member for several years. He also
10 helped organize the Oklahoma Appaloosa Horse Club in 1959, as well
11 as the Oklahoma Appaloosa Futurity in 1964; and

12 WHEREAS, Bill Hudlow is still among the best all-time
13 ambassadors of the Appaloosa breed; and

14 WHEREAS, as part of its 100th anniversary in 2007, Shawnee
15 started the Horse in the City project, placing life-sized, painted
16 statues of horses around the city. In early 2013, a statue of
17 Navajo Britches was unveiled as the 36th horse in the project.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 2ND SESSION
19 OF THE 54TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE:

20 THAT the Oklahoma State Senate recognizes the historic career of
21 National Appaloosa Horse Racing Hall of Famer, Bill Hudlow, and his
22 beloved Appaloosa stallion, Navajo Britches.

23 THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to Bill Hudlow.

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